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Director of the U.S. Patent and
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Re: U.S. Patent No. 7,851,036
Issued: December 14, 2010
Inventor(s): Henry W. Bonk, et al.
For: Gas-Filled Cushioning Device

**REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.81(b) FOR U.S. PATENT 7,851,036 B2 TO BE
CORRECTED TO STATE THE NAME OF ASSIGNEES NIKE, INC. AND NIKE IHM, INC.**

Sir:

Before issuance of this Patent, an assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 3.11. This assignment was recorded at reel/frame 7718/0054. The assignment conveyed to Assignees Nike, Inc. and Tetra Plastics, Inc. all of Assignors Henry W. Bonk's and David Goldwasser's right, title, and interest in and to the inventions and improvements, U.S. Patent Application 08/475,276, and to all additional applications for patent filed in the United States and patents granted therefore.

Tetra Plastics was re-named Nike IHM, Inc. in 1998.

Copies of the assignment and recordal are attached. A copy of Nike IHM, Inc.'s webpage recounting its history is attached.

This request is accompanied by a certificate of correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.323 and the fee in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a).

This request is also accompanied by the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

The office is invited to telephone the undersigned if it would be helpful for resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

By Anna M. Budde
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ASSIGNOR:

GOLDWASSER, DAVID

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ASSIGNEE:

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ASSIGNEE:

TETRA PLASTICS, INC.

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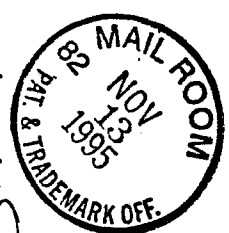
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and the undersigned verifies that the assignment document it is a true copy of the original.

If, for some reason, Applicant(s) have/has not paid a sufficient fee, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Robert M. Siminski

Robert M. Siminski

Reg. No. 36,007

Attorney for Applicant(s)

Date: November 8, 1995

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ASSIGNMENT AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, We: Henry W. Bonk, a citizen of the United States, residing at 51 Seiter Hill Road, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492; and David Goldwasser, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1601 Wilson Forest View Court, Chesterfield, Missouri 63005; have invented certain new and useful inventions or improvements in and for Barrier Membranes Including A Barrier Layer Employing Aliphatic Thermoplastic Urethanes for which an application for Letters Patent for the United States was filed on June 7, 1995; and

WHEREAS: NIKE, INC., a corporation of the state of Oregon, having a place of business at One Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97005-6453; and Tetra Plastics, Inc., a corporation of the state of Missouri, having a place of business at 8 Research Park Drive, St. Charles, Missouri 63304; are desirous of jointly acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid inventions or improvements in the United States, Korea and Japan; and in and to said application; and any and all additional applications for patent filed in the United States, Korea or Japan; and in and to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States or Korea or Japan which may be granted therefor or as a result thereof;

WHEREAS: NIKE INTERNATIONAL LTD., a corporation of Bermuda, having a place of business at One Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97005-6453; and Tetra Plastics, Inc.; are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid inventions

or improvements in any and all countries throughout the world other than the United States, Korea and Japan; and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in or for said inventions or improvements in any country other than the United States, Korea, and Japan; and in and to and under any and all Letters Patent for said inventions or improvements in or for any country other than the United States, Korea and Japan.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the aforesaid HENRY W. BONK and DAVID GOLDWASSER, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer:

(a) Unto NIKE, INC. and Tetra Plastics, Inc., their successors, legal representatives and assigns, the full and exclusive joint right in and to said inventions or improvements as described in said application, in the United States, Korea and Japan, and in and to said application including the right to claim priority under any international convention or national law and in and to and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States, Korea or Japan and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof to and for the full term for which any such patent may be granted, reissued or extended; and

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AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for the United States, or any other appropriate or authorized officer, agent, representative or agency of any other country to issue all said Letters Patent to said assignee;

AND WE HEREBY warrant and covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument or assignment in conflict herewith;

AND WE HEREBY agree to communicate to said assignees or their representatives any facts known to use respecting said inventions

or improvements, application and Letters Patent, to execute all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination and foreign applications, to sign all lawful documents, to make all rightful oaths and declarations relating to said inventions or improvements, to testify in any judicial or administrative proceeding, and generally do everything possible to aid said assignees to obtain and enforce said Letters Patent in the United States or any foreign country when requested so to do by said assignees.

ASSIGNEES: NIKE, Inc.; NIKE International Ltd.; and Tetra Plastics, Inc. do hereby confirm, acquire and accept sale, assignment and transfer.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned also hereby appoints Thomas M. Horgan, who is a registered Patent attorney, Reg. No. 33,183, our attorney and agent to prosecute on our behalf any applications, patents, continuations, divisionals, and extensions assigned hereby and to transact all business before the competent United States and foreign authorities or agencies in connection with the hereby assigned applications and patent (including all divisional, continuation, reissues and extensions and any foreign equivalent or counterpart applications, including those claiming priority to the above-listed U.S. application, directly or indirectly. The undersigned also grants the above-identified attorney the full

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This grant of power of attorney is irrevocable by the undersigned and grants the unequivocal right to the indicated attorney to execute all instruments or documents which are necessary or appropriate for the filing and prosecution of applications for Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries on, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to these inventions or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of the Assignee which shall be as binding on the undersigned as if the undersigned had executed the instruments or documents themselves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

13 day of ~~June~~, 1995.

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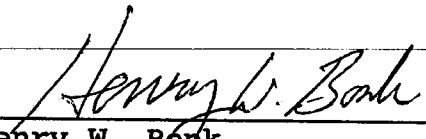
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On this 13th day of ~~June~~^{*July*}, 1995, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared DAVID GOLDWASSER to me known and known to me to be the person of that name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.


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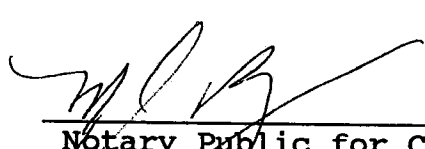
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On this 13th day of ~~June~~^{July}, 1995, before me, a Notary Public in
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1509

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Inventor(s): Bonk et al.

Serial No.: 08/475,276

Filed: June 7, 1995

For: **Barrier Membranes Including
A Barrier Layer Employing
Aliphatic Thermoplastic Urethanes**

Attorney

Docket No.: 4022-00003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is to certify that the following Assignment, Recordal of Assignment Cover Sheet and check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the fee for recording the assignment are being deposited along with this Certificate with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope with sufficient postage addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on November 8, 1995.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee insufficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 or credit any overpayments to that deposit account. A duplicate copy of this Certificate is enclosed.

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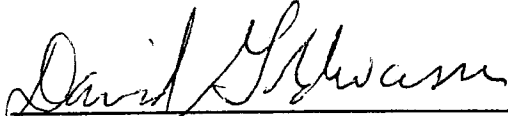
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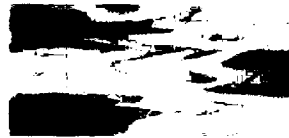
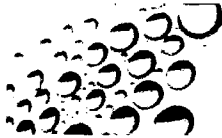
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NIKE IHM, INC.

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Company History

Tetra Plastics becomes NIKE IHM, INC. in 1998

Tetra Plastics was built on challenges. In the late 1960s, the company developed plastic components for the production of plastic kites and expansion tubes for construction of nuclear power plants. During the 1970s, it developed specialty materials for snow skis and water skis. In the 1980s, Tetra teamed up with NIKE and played a critical role in the development of the NIKE airsole cushioning system that revolutionized athletic footwear.

Facing adversity

In the Great Flood of 1993, Tetra Plastics took on its biggest challenge to date – salvaging its machinery from a factory inundated with seven feet of muddy water. When the Missouri River burst through a levee and flooded Tetra's Chesterfield plant, the ingenuity that led to the company's numerous innovations in plastics stepped in to guide it through the crisis.

The determination needed to rise above the flood reflects the technological creativity that NIKE IHM thrives on today. In 2001, a 36-year-old firm, now an independently run subsidiary of NIKE INC, the company solves difficult problems using innovative engineered technology.

Our business strategy

We seek customers who need plastic products that require innovation and engineering not available in the standard marketplace. What NIKE IHM is not, is a company that produces commodities in large volume similar to those offered by other companies. We're in the specialty thermoplastics business. We listen to customers' needs and develop innovative solutions to meet those needs.

As a result of this strategy, NIKE IHM is growing rapidly. With a staff of more than 300 working in the 220,000 square foot office and manufacturing facility in St. Charles, MO. A second plant is located in Beaverton, OR.

The bottom line

A large portion of the growth comes from NIKE IHM's non-NIKE customers although NIKE remains the company's biggest client.

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